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DHS BEGINS REVOKING LICENSES OF DELINQUENT PARENTS

NASHVILLE— The Tennessee Department of Human Services (DHS) Child Support Division is in the process of revoking 2,416 driver's licenses and 260 professional licenses of people who are delinquent in making court-ordered child support payments. The state can revoke drivers, professional, and hunting and fishing licenses of delinquent parents whose payments are ninety (90) days or more past due and owe at least \$500.

Notices informing people that their licenses would be revoked were mailed the week of March 25, 2002. Those receiving the notice were told that they had twenty (20) days to pay the balance, work out a suitable payment plan, or contest the notice to their local child support office by filing an appeal.

“We expect delinquent parents to pay what they owe,” said Mike Adams, Assistant Commissioner for Child Support Services. “The Department has made every effort to work with non-custodial parents on getting their accounts up-to-date. Our job is to see that children and their custodial parents receive the support to which they are entitled.”

More than \$750,000 has already been received from some of the individuals receiving the notice to revoke licenses. These individuals either paid the balance in full or set up a payment plan to avoid having their licenses revoked.

Tennessee's Child Support program is administered by the Department of Human Services. Custodial parents routinely contact the local child support offices for assistance with establishing paternity, establishing child support orders, locating absent parents, and collecting child support payments. There is no charge for these services that are provided locally through contracts with district attorney's offices, juvenile courts, private agencies, and a DHS child support office.

For more information on the child support license revocation process, please contact the local child support offices.